The MSO has a well-defined set procedure for purchasing medical stores which it follows for all the purchases made. These purchases are done at the most economical rate and therefore, the question of loss from purchases made by MSO does not arise.

CAG report on AIIMS

†2567. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CAG in its report has stated that AIIMS has deviated from its basic aim of medical research and education;

(b) if so, the steps taken to promote medical research in AIIMS; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) CAG in its report brought out issues related to the output of Medical Research and Education at AIIMS. The Institute has already given its evidence to the Public Accounts Committee. All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi was established as an Autonomous/Statutory Body by an Act of Parliament in 1956. AIIMS has been empowered with the responsibility of setting up the standards in the field of medical education, research and patient care in India and to train personnel of all important branches of health activities. The Institute conducts under-graduate degree courses and various post-graduate, post-doctoral and super-specialities courses. More or less the objectives have been achieved in ensuring an overall excellence in the field of teaching, research and patient care. Based on a nationwide survey, the AIIMS Medical College has been voted to be the best in the country. AIIMS has been a trend setter in medical education. In the field of medical research, both basic and applied, AIIMS is the acknowledged leader. The Institute faculty has published 1108 papers in reputed indexed journals while more than 300 research projects were completed during the year 1999-2000. AIIMS milestones in research includes important research outcomes used to control Diarrhoeal diseases, Leprosy, Malaria, Cancer, Tuberculosis, AIDS, Genetic Disorders, Iodine Deficiency Disorder and

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Hepatitis and liver Diseases. According to an assessment done by NISSAT, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, 1999, AIIMS is the only health institution amongst 8 high output — high impact research institutions representing all science disciplines.

Utilisation of WHO funding

2568. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds provided by the World Health Organisation for various programmes in the country during the last three years; and

(b) the details of such funds utilized?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) The WHO funds are allocated on the biennium basis *i.e.* once in two years. During the last two bienniums the total WHO funds allocated under various health programmes are:

(I) 2000-2001 US$ 12,838,000

(II) 2002-2003 US$ 9,679,100

(b) The details of the funds utilised for various projects are as under:

(I) 2000-2001 US$ 13,415,975

(After getting more funds from WHO)

(II) 2002-2003 US$ 7,118,943

(Upto 5 Dec., 2002)

Deaths due to Hepatitis-B

†2569. SHRIMATI GURCHARAN KAUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons died due to Hepatitis-B in the country during 2001-2002; and

(b) the details of measures taken by his Ministry during the said period, State-wise?

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